

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 33 of the specification with the following paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows a distal portion of a catheter 30 with a rapid exchange configuration. As shown, guidewire tubular body 32 has an entrance port 34 proximal of balloon 36 and it extends through balloon 36 terminating at exit port 38. Guidewire tubular body 32 has a proximal segment 40 that is preferably constructed of a trilayer of high density polyethylene (HDPE)/binder layer (e.g. Plexar® ~~Pleaxar~~ Resin)/polyether-block co-polyamide polymer (Pebax® 6333). Distal segment 42 of guidewire tubular body 32 is a single layer preferably constructed of Pebax® 7033. This material is more flexible than the material in the proximal portion. While these materials were selected, any other comparable materials may be used such as Pebax® 6333, 4033 and 5033. Guidewire tubular body 26 of the over the wire configuration likewise has a proximal segment 44 made of HDPE/~~Pleaxar~~ Plexar® Resin/Pebax® 6333 and a distal segment forming tip 22 made of Pebax® 7033.

Amendments to the Drawings

Attached hereto is a revised sheet of Formal Drawings, including FIG. 5 showing the helical slits. The helical slits were shown on the drawings filed with the application, therefore no new matter has been added.